

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Request for Continued Examination

(RCE) Application of:

Tadashi Sugiyama

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)¹ and PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to a Notice of Allowance dated June 28, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application in lieu of payment of the issue fee. Please consider the following remarks prior to examination of the above-identified RCE application.